

JAPANESE ARE
OUR FRIENDS

**H. S. Beach Says They Will
Remain So, For Policy if
For Nothing Else.**

"Japan is our friend and is going to be our friend for a long time. It is for nothing," he said. He said it was before the Rotary club Thursday at the weekly luncheon. Mr. Beach had returned from a trip of several months in China and Japan.

"The Japanese before we entered this great war had grown to look upon us something as they look upon China," he continued. "They thought we were a sort of a dead nation, inert, unresponsive. When we entered this great world war, enacted laws for universal service, and raised \$100,000,000,000 in millions of dollars to carry on the war, we staggered them. They haven't been able to get over it. They have changed their notions of that lost war, but it has made them have a wholesome respect for

After the German Market.
 "The Japanese are the greatest imitators in the world and they are now making and exporting all the things that Germany made and exported to America in the war. They are now working hard to get this German business and are looking to America as their best customer. They don't want any trouble with us for financial reasons and then our great preparation for war makes them think of us in thinking along another line."
 "Japan is a great country, alive to progress. The boys there are trained from the time they are four or five

—are old, to march and carry broomsticks. We ought to train our boys as they do. We ought also to take lessons on economy from the Japanese.

Japan a Wonder.
That country is a wonder. Little larger than California, it supports 60,000,000 people and exports food-stuffs. They actually farm small pieces of land no bigger than a table top, up on the mountainsides, and they carry up the rich earth from the valleys below for sustaining the crops.

The Japanese people are looking to the future. Their business men are combining and doing joint advertising of their wares. They are establishing great bazaar or museums in various cities, where various manufacturers show what they have for sale. There you can buy a sample at retail, then go to the manufacturer and make your arrangements for the articles by wholesale.

Working for the Future.
They are building a great navy training a great army—beginning with the small boys—and they are reforesting their country, planting young trees in places of those cut and even on land where there have been no forests. Everything they do is with the idea of making Japan not only self-sustaining but to enable

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"China is the antithesis of Japan. There everybody seems apathetic, and they don't seem to care whether the country is a monarchy or a republic.

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try to have an interpreter. The railroad men in Japan and China all speak English. A Jan. to do business with a Chinaman in China, must talk English. All the signs in China and Japan have English translations below them. This is the day of the English tongue and we are going to win this great war as sure as I am speaking to you. The English tongue

The selective draft system and the benefits of volunteering in the national guard were explained to the members of the club by Capt. Richard P. Burgess, who is organizing an infantry company here for the First Texas Infantry.

"Every election precinct has constituted a registration district," said Mr. Burges. "In these districts every man between the ages of 21 and 31 was required to register on June 3. Cards were then numbered and placed in a wheel similar to a jury wheel. Assuming that dispatches received here this morning to the effect that the first draft has been drawn, are correct, the draft was done by draw-

Urges National Guard Service.
If you men are not in a position to

that you may be in a position to give information about the national guard to persons who are contemplating going into the army. I have it on high authority in Washington that properly organized units of the national guard will go to the front just as soon as any and those who go into the army, I feel, are anxious to go to the front. It is told that men in the national guard will not get the same

care and intelligent supervision which they would receive if they were in the regular army but I deny this. The entire army will be made up of one composite body. All organizations will have trained officers in charge, as the trained men of the army will be divided up among all organizations. I can say for the four units which are being organized in El Paso that every man from Lieut. Col H. B. ...

Advantages of Enlisting at Home.

from your home. When a man gives up his services and everything to his country, the only thing which he personally receives is the good name he makes. So all glory which is gathered by the national guard company will be the glory for your state and community. If a company distinguishes itself on the battlefield, it will reflect distinction on the community.

The chances for advancement for the individual man are greater in the national guard than they will be for men who are lost in one of the other organizations. It is highly advantageous to both individuals and to a community for a man to join home companies. He is surrounded by friends on all sides and whether well

Mexico's Finances.
Roberto V. Pesquiera, who recently came to El Paso to establish the new financial agency for the Carranza government here said that it was the plan of the Carranza government to establish a national banking system similar to the French banking system.

He said that everything was being done in Mexico for the restoration of peace and a spirit of satisfaction with the present government was evident in all parts of Mexico. He said that many of the people who had left Mexico, especially those who had

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